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PROCESSES FOR THE PREPARATION THEREOF**

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Sir:

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.131

I, the undersigned, hereby declare and state that:

I. This Declaration is submitted as evidence that the subject matter of the above identified application was invented by me prior to April 24, 2003, the publication date of International Publication No. WO 03/033594 A1 as shown on the first page of the English translation of this document provided herewith, an abstract of said document

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having been cited by the Examiner with the Office Action dated January 16, 1997.

2. I am the person named as inventor in the above identified application.

3. I conceived and reduced to practice in Canada the invention disclosed and claimed in the above identified application prior to April 24, 2003.

4. As evidence of said conception, I include herewith Exhibit A, which is a redacted copy of an Invention Proposal written prior to April 24, 2003, redaction including deletion of dates therefrom prior to preparing the copy. The invention described in Exhibit A describes the invention conceived by me in Canada prior to April 24, 2003.

5. As further evidence of said conception and reduction to practice, we include herewith Exhibit B, which is a redacted copy of laboratory notebook pages indicating successful reduction to practice of an embodiment of the instant invention, said embodiment including the species currently under examination by the Examiner. Redaction includes deletion of dates therefrom prior to preparing the copy. The reaction described in Exhibit B indicates reduction to practice in Canada by me prior to April 24, 2003.

8. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are

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made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine and/or imprisonment under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing therefrom.



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